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1. The Communists have attached considerable importance to the "escape clause" in Phibul's announcement that there would be a state of emergency.\*
2. In the opinion of some political circles, the whole threat of a state of emergency is aimed at the Royalist attempts to undermine Phibul and the strength of his coup group. In other words, the Cabinet decision is a warning to the Royalists. The Royalist press, including Prince Bnambandhu's Kiatiskak, is opposing the decision and the Regency Council is also blocking it. The Communists accept this interpretation of Phibul's action.

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[REDACTED] Comment. This is the portion of the statement where Phibul said the action was being taken to prevent a change in the government.

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